

Submissions, readers' feedback help to improve your *Journal*

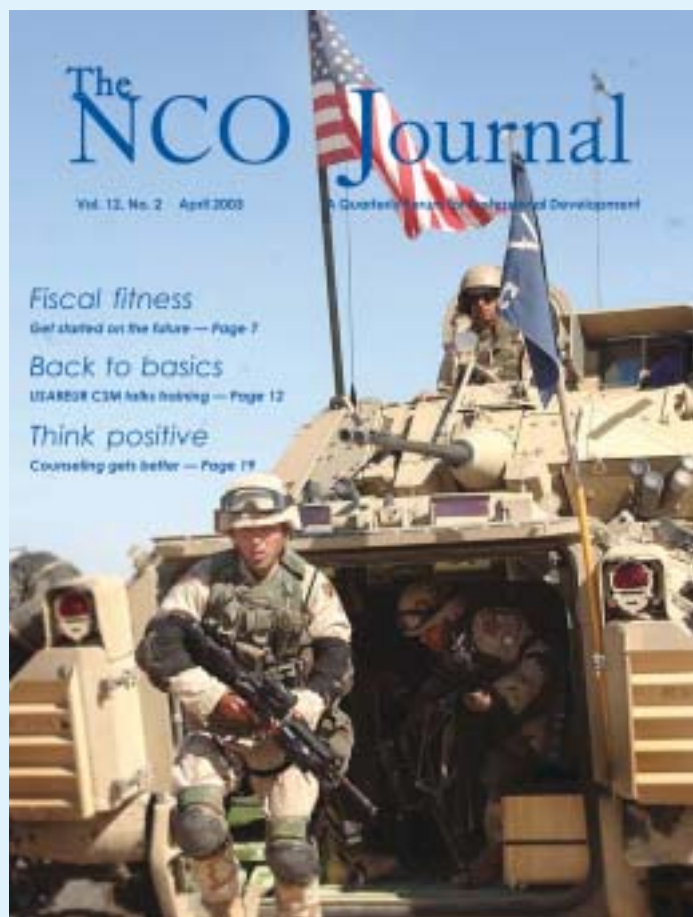
We can always learn from other NCOs' experiences. Over the years, I've learned so much from NCOs that weren't in my supervisory chain nor even in my career field. I know I learn something new every time I speak with Command Sgt. Maj. David Lady, the U.S. Army Europe command sergeant major. I learned something new, yet again, when I spoke with him in January about getting back to the training basics. On Page 12, Command Sgt. Maj. Lady shares his "back-to-basics" approach with the *NCO Journal*.

Similarly, members of the Sergeants Major Academy counseling team are traveling around the Army teaching soldiers about a new approach to developmental counseling. Their workshops help NCOs look at developmental counseling in a whole new light. Read more about this new approach to counseling on Page 19.

This issue of the *NCO Journal* came together because of the contributions and support of so many NCOs around the Army.

First of all, I want to thank all of you who have taken the time to submit articles, commentaries and letters. We make an effort to acknowledge receipt of all the articles. However, we have received so many in the past few months, that we haven't been able to respond to all of you individually. Some of those articles and letters are featured in this issue.

Our special thanks go out to the Combined Forces Land Component Command Public Affairs soldiers currently deployed in and around Camp Doha, Kuwait, who have contributed so much to this issue. Sgt. Erika Gladhill continues to do an outstanding job as the CFLCC Public Affairs command information chief, continuously sending out stories and photos that tell the stories of our deployed soldiers.



We also appreciate that many of you have taken the time to complete the *Journal* readership survey. Please remember, this is your *Journal*. The feedback you give us in these surveys helps us to gear articles toward what you and other NCOs want to read. In order to get as much feedback as possible, we are running the survey in this issue also. You can either complete the printed survey on Page 31 of this issue or go online to <http://usasma.bliss.army.mil/journal>. We will continue to accept completed surveys until June 15. We'll cut it off there so that we'll have time to compile and publish the results in the July issue.

The *Journal* staff also wants to acknowledge the continued support of Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack L. Tilley and the NCOs on his staff, as well as the support of the command and staff of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy. In both cases, they continue to extend their unlimited support and guidance to the *Journal* staff. They are great examples of NCOs coaching, teaching and mentoring.

Thanks to our readers for your feedback and support. This is your *Journal*, the voice of the Army's NCO Corps. If you have a unique perspective on training or leadership, or if you have a constructive suggestion on how to make things better, we want to hear from you. And, as always, please continue to send your articles, commentaries and photographs.

As this issue goes to press, U.S. and other Coalition soldiers are fighting in Iraq. Many others are forward deployed in Afghanistan and other hostile locales. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

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